[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(2) Do arrangements now exist for affording facilities to junior men medical officers to acquire practical knowledge and skill in midwifery?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Number of abnormal labour cases attended by men medical officers in 1101:

In hospitals	399.
Outside	581.

(2) Arrangements for affording such facilities are under contemplation.

Aid to poor pregnant Women.

35. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of poor women admitted into hospitals in an advanced state of pregnancy and awaiting confinement, to whom food in the form of "quarter diet" and "half diet" was given in the year 1101; and

(*b*) the number to whom no food was given either during their waiting period or after child-birth?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) All poor women are given the necessary diet while in the hospital. In regard to the statistics required, the Government consider that the advantage resulting from them is not commensurate with the labour involved in collecting them.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Can the Chief Secretary assure me that none of these women who were awaiting confinement was given "quarter diet" or "half diet"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer has been given according to the report of the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I want to know from the Government whether they can assure me that none of these women who were waiting for confinement was under-fed.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no more information than that furnished by the Board.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for the information as to the number of women admitted in 1101 who were awaiting confinement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Conversion of Paddy Lands into Garden Lands.

36. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of paddy lands converted by owners into garden lands in the taluk of Trivandrum during the last six years (1096-1101) and the reasons for such conversion as far as they are ascertainable?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The information asked for is not available.

Indebtedness of the Travancore Ryot.

37. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Are the Government in possession of information which might indicate, at least roughly, the extent of indebtedness of the Travancore ryot, both personal and mortgaged ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Women Graduates in the Education Department.

38. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of women graduates now employed in the Education Department ;

(*b*) the number of Hindus among them ;

(*c*) whether the first lady from the Nanjinad Vellala community who has passed the B. A. (Hons.) degree examination has applied for any post ; and

(*d*) if so, what has been done with that application ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*)	Permanent	24
	Acting	6
(*b*)	Permanent	5
	Acting	2

(*c*) The Director of Public Instruction reports that applications have been received by him from one Srimati P. S. Chellamma, B. A. (Hons.) who belongs to the Nanjinad Vellala community for a post either in His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women or in a Departmental Girls' English School.

(*d*) The Director of Public Instruction reports that the applications have been registered and that they will receive considertaion when vacancies arise. He adds that her appointment in a Girls' English School, however, can be thought of only after the women graduates who have acted and are now without employment have been provided for.

Grant to Vellore Missionary Medical School.

39. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : With reference to the capitation grant of Rs. 500 made to the Missionary Medical School at Vellore, will the Government be pleased to state why this school was selected for grant in preference to the Government medical institutions in the Presidency of Madras ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : This school was chosen in view of the fact that a number of students from Travancore are studying in that institution. Until the close of the official year 1924-25, the Madras Government made to the school a capitation grant

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